

## AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

1. (currently amended) A Device-device ~~(+100, +130)~~ for displacing a switch blade ~~(+106, +142)~~ between a position on a stock rail ~~(+14, +144)~~ and a position at a distance from the stock rail ~~(+14, +144)~~, having the device comprising:

- a) a locking bearing ~~(+104, +134)~~ which is coupled to the switch blade ~~(+106, +142)~~ and connected to a locking catch ~~(+10)~~ by means of an axle ~~(+4)~~; and
- b) a locking rod ~~(+18)~~ arranged to that guides the locking catch ~~(+10)~~ against a locking support coupled to the stock rail ~~(+14, +144)~~, the locking rod further arranged to locks the locking catch ~~(+10)~~ to the support and then unlocks the same locking catch and guides it away from said ~~the~~ locking support ~~(+102, +132)~~, wherein

characterized in that

\_\_\_\_\_ c) the locking support ~~(+102, +132)~~ is positioned on the side ~~(+108, +152)~~ of the stock rail ~~(+14, +144)~~ opposed to the switch blade ~~(+106, +142)~~; and is connected to a thrust bearing ~~(+110, +148)~~ that is arranged on a fixed superstructure component ~~(+136, +140)~~.

2. (currently amended) The Device-device ~~(+100, +130)~~ according to Claim ~~claim~~ 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the fixed superstructure component ~~(+136, +140)~~ is a component for supporting the switch blade ~~(+106, +142)~~.

3. (currently amended) The Device-device ~~(+100, +130)~~ according to Claim ~~claim~~ 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the component for supporting the switch blade ~~(+106, +142)~~ is a switch blade slide chair ~~(+140)~~.

4. (currently amended) The Device-device ~~(+100, +130)~~ according to Claims ~~claim~~ 1 to 3, ~~characterized in that~~, wherein the fixed superstructure component ~~(+140)~~ is arranged on a rising edge of a cross-tie member ~~(+136)~~ having a U-shaped profile.

5. (currently amended) ~~The Device-device (100, 136)~~ according to ~~Claim-claim 1~~, characterized in that ~~wherein~~ the fixed superstructure component is a flange (140, 148) attached to a cross-tie member (136).

6. (currently amended) ~~The Device-device (100, 136)~~ according to ~~Claims 1 to 5~~, characterized in that ~~claim 1~~, wherein the locking support (102, 132) is tightly coupled in the foot area (28, 150) of the stock rail (14, 144).

7. (currently amended) ~~A Device-device (100, 130)~~ for displacing a switch blade (106, 142) between a position on a stock rail (14, 144) and a position at a distance from the stock rail (14, 144), having ~~the device comprising~~:

- a) a locking bearing (104, 134) which is coupled to the switch blade (106, 142) and connected to a locking catch (10) by means of an axle (4), and
- b) a locking rod (18) arranged to guide that guides the locking catch (10) against a locking support coupled to the stock rail (14, 144), locks the locking catch (10) to the support and then unlocks the same and guides it away from said locking support (102, 132), wherein

characterized in that ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ the locking bearing (104, 134) is arranged on a component (118, 135) that at least partially follows the displacement and the displacement motion is transferred from the locking bearing (104, 134) to the switch blade (106, 142) by means of a displaceable push rod (120, 156).

8. (currently amended) ~~The Device-device (100, 130)~~ according to ~~Claim-claim 7~~, characterized in that ~~wherein~~ the push rod (156) is firmly connected to the switch blade (142) and held in the locking bearing (134) in such a way that it can move.

9. (currently amended) ~~The Device-device (100, 130)~~ according to ~~Claim-claim 8~~, characterized in that ~~wherein~~ the push rod (120) is held in the locking bearing (104) so that it is movable and the two switch blades (106) can be connected by means of a coupling rod.

10. (currently amended) The Device-device (100, 130) according to Claims 7 to 9claim 7, wherein, characterized in that the push rod (156) is held in the locking bearing and prevented from moving by a defined tractive power.

11. (currently amended) The Device-device (100, 130) according to Claim-claim 10, characterized in that wherein the tractive power is achieved by means of a spring-loaded catch (160, 162, 164).

12. (currently amended) The Device-device (100, 130) according to Claims 7 to 11claim 7, wherein, characterized in that the component (118, 135) is supported in a rolling or sliding mode.

13. (currently amended) The Device-device (100, 130) according to Claim-claim 12, characterized in that wherein the support for the component (118, 135) is provided in or on a guide element (121, 123, 137, 141).

14. (currently amended) The Device-device (100, 136) according to Claim-claim 13, characterized in that wherein the guide element (121, 123, 137, 141) is arranged on a superstructure component (136, 140).

15. (currently amended) A Device-device (100, 130) for displacing a switch blade (106, 142) between a position on a stock rail (14, 144) and a position at a distance from the stock rail (14, 144), having the device comprising:

- a) a locking bearing (104, 134) which is coupled to the switch blade (106, 142) and connected to a locking catch (10) by means of an axle (4), and
- b) a locking rod (18) that guides arranged to guide the locking catch (10) against a locking support (102, 132) coupled to the stock rail (14, 144), locks the locking catch (10) to the support and then unlocks the same and guides it away from said locking support (102, 132), wherein

characterized in that

- c) the locking support (102, 132) is positioned on the side of the stock rail (14, 144) opposed to the switch blade (106, 142), and is connected to a thrust bearing (110, 148) that is arranged on a fixed superstructure component (136, 140); and

- d) the locking bearing (~~104, 134~~) is arranged on a locking component (~~118, 135~~) that at least partially follows the displacement and the displacement motion is transferred from the locking bearing (~~104, 134~~) to the switch blade (~~106, 142~~) by means of a displaceable push rod (~~120, 156~~).